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st column of the New Year
eetings to readers old and
I sat up to watch out the
ear and remained at the
f the New Year for a cou-
hours to see that all was
The familiar strains of
Lang Syne" heralded the
w hour. The immortal
f Scotland, Robert Burns
he poem, sending it to a
Dec. 17, 1788. "Should
equaintance be forget, and
brought to mind? Should
quaintance be forget, and
ld lang syne!" I suppose it
t of the official song for
a year. But in the same
gic mood, Bobby Burns
another poem, "Elegy On
parted Year 1788." . . .
ighty-Eight, in thy sma'
nce,
at dire events hae taken
ace!
what enjoyment thou hast
ff us,
hat a pickle thou hast left
s!"
ms had this counsel for the
Year:
hos beardless boy, I pray
ake care,
ou now has got thy Daddie's
hair."
d asked suggestions for a
n for Appomattox for the
Year. Had some excellent
stions. "Seventy-Two"
s easily. Maybe the one I
best was: "Thinking of
n '72." Covers so much
. . . thinking of the
mers who keep us in busi-
of the tourists who visit
peace Prime and our ac-
itions, of our clients, our
bors; thinking of the volun-
and officers who protect
nd limb, the sales people
serve us, and the circle
iends who share our joy
ur sorrow.
hinking of YOU, in Sev-
Two".
e first seed catalogs are
and lots of plowing is going
. . Monday morning town
s were taking down the
stmas decorations . . .
y business places are tak-
inventory . . . The Census
de figure the U.S. popula-
as of 1-1-72 as 208,557,-
. . . unseasonable warm
her just may have been
ght on by the ultra-ultra,
-mini hot pants . . . a visit
ends in the hospital reveal-
number of empty rooms
I was told that an effort is
e to have you back home for
stmas and New Year's Day
back in 1922 Appomattox
an area high school, with a
nitory and students from
ining counties. One of the
ents was DeRoy Cage Jen-
s, of Nathalie. I first knew
when he was a fraternity
her in college. Friends who
mber were saddened at
s of his passing last week.
was a quality Virginia Gen-
man . . . ACHS is off to a
ing season in basketball
Many of us listened to The
ks Quartet on TV Sunday
ning . . . at the moment I
erged on TV football . . .
Many are starting a Diary
1972? Good idea but I never
beyond January. Resolutions
good, even if you fall by the
side. I am resolved to clean
my desk by the U.S. Bic-
nnial in 1976 . . . the spell
warm weather caused forsy-
and other plants to bud . . .
All-America flower se-
ions for 1972 are varieties
inia, marigold, hollyhock
petunia . . . February 7-11
National Pay Your Bills
k, but who can wait that
? . . . On June 17, the Nat-
l Hollering Contest will be
at Dunn, N. C. and please
not practice on Martha St.
. Heavens to Betsy, just as
as warming up space has
out, so let us make a date
next week, when I will try to
s a count of just how many
ing spaces in the new shop-
f center, and whatever else
re is to gossip about in
ring Appomattox.

RABIES CLINIC

Thurs. Jan. 6, 1972 - 2-4
m. Fire House, Appomattox.

New surfacing leads right to the doors of the remodeled and enlarged Lawson Ford, Inc. on Route 460 west of the town of Appomattox. Extensive improvements include the addition of four-room showroom area, four new offices, four-bay body and paint shop and customer's lounge.

The enlarged showroom at Lawson Ford permits display of the latest models, a half-circle of them as Manager Dick Bland (far left) stands with salesmen Pat Lair and Bill Lewis Moss. Other salesmen (not shown) include Jack Lawson and Page Petty.

Expansion Completed At Lawson Ford

Appomattox county is a place of change and growth, nowhere better illustrated than in the recent changes at Lawson Ford, Inc. where expansion and remodeling has been completed in every department.

Space was added for a four-car showroom, four new offices and customer lounge where there's a color television, coffee and soft drink dispenser and place for snacks and refreshment.

The manager's and salesmen's offices are light and bright with newest in wall finishes and carpeting. Manager Dick Bland says his office has that "something extra", original oil paintings by his wife, Paula.

In the service department there have been major changes, also, according to the manager. The washing and grease department has been moved and a four-bay body and paint shop constructed. The parts department has been enlarged with resulting added convenience for customers.

Out in front the driveway leading to the showrooms and service area has been resurfaced and brick facing and modern lettering added to set off the lines of the building.

There's additional and more convenient space for used car sales. Inventories of both new and used cars have been enlarged to meet customer convenience.

What's in the future? "More changes", according to Bland. New and improved lighting is planned for the exterior to set off properly the display of '72 models, and plans are in the making for further improvements in the service department.

Not everything changes around Lawson Ford, Inc., however. There's a nice balance of experienced employees and staff personnel who can welcome customers by name and show them all around the enlarged and improved premises. Fred H. Lawson is the owner.

Besides the manager, Dick Bland, there are Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, office manager, Judson Morris, sales manager, James Paulette, service manager and Randolph Smith, parts manager.

Miss Mary Helen Harris is clerk.

Salesmen are Page Petty, Patrick Lair, Bill Lewis Moss and Jack Lawson.

In the service department, Lynwood Paulette, George Wooding, Johnny Paulette, Warren Baldwin, Clayton Taylor, Mundy Jones, Marshall Price, Basil Bryant, Gene Paulette, Wells Lewis, Abraham Petty, Harold Pugh and Arthur Morris.

Garrett Named Member-At-Large

Lyle N. Garrett, rural mail carrier and tobacco grower of Concord, was appointed member-at-large of the Appomattox county School Board in action taken Thursday morning by the School Trustee Electoral Board.

He was named to a six-month term in line with the Electoral Board's recently adopted policy of staggered terms for all of the members of the board.

Garrett has been serving for the past three years on the School Board as a member from Stonewall District. He was named in December 1967 to fill the unexpired term of J. O. Davidson who resigned because of reasons of health. He was subsequently named to a full four year term and served for almost a year as chairman of the board.

Redistricting of the county during 1971 brought about a required renaming of the entire school board. Named to the board on December 11, 1971 were Dr. R. H. Gray, Clover Hill District; Mrs. Martin Webb Southside District and Dr. A.A. Fratrick, Stonewall District.

Mrs. Webb is a newcomer to the board, Dr. Gray and Dr. Fratrick having served immediately prior to the renaming of the board. Dr. Fratrick formerly represented Southside District. His home location was one of those affected in the redistricting.

The appointment of a member-at-large by the Trustees Electoral Board followed a meeting of the Appomattox Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, December 22 in which a request by the Electoral Board was approved for the authorizing of the appointment of one school board member at large in accordance with Section 22-61 of the Code of Virginia as amended by the 1971 General Assembly.

Trustees Electoral Board chairman Stuart McD. Farrar said that several names of qualified persons were proposed to the three-man board.

According to the action of the General Assembly of Virginia members-at-large can be appointed to school boards. As the law stands now, no more than two can be appointed.

Park Enployee Is Promoted

Frances K. Avery has been promoted from Clerk-Typist GS-4 to Administrative Assistant GS-5 at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. According to Park Superintendent F. A. Gould, Mrs. Avery's administrative and public contact responsibilities have significantly increased and she has performed her work in an excellent manner. Mrs. Avery keeps the park paperwork flowing in the right directions in addition to helping visitors at the Visitor Center and the McLean House.

Public Invited To Discuss Watershed

Appomattox River Watershed Possible Flood Protection Project Public Meeting Jan. 11th.

Floodwaters from the Appomattox River have ravaged some of the best bottomland in the county for centuries. Torrential rains of the past year caused floods which played havoc with crops and flooded much of Farmville. Citizens along the river and in Farmville are no longer contented with perennial flooding.

Studies conducted by the Soil Conservation Service indicate that flooding along the Appomattox River can be feasibly controlled. This could be accomplished with floodwater retarding dams and good conservation practices on the land.

In order to get a project moving it will take the full support of everyone. Let's have a good representation from Appomattox County on Jan. 11th. Those in the Appomattox area can pool rides by meeting in front of the Courthouse by 6:45 p.m. The Pamplin group will leave Tolley's Esso at 7 p.m.

Watershed projects are approved and funded by Congress. The demand for these projects is 2 to 3 times greater than watershed appropriations, therefore, they can be very selective in approving projects.

Watershed projects are initiated and leadership provided by the local people. In order to bring those concerned together and assess the local interest, the Piedmont and the Rodert E. Lee Soil and Water

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Progress Noted As New Year Begins

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt (far left) was installing officer Sunday night as the Appomattox County Rescue Squad marked another successful year of service with a dinner served to squad members, wives and/or husbands and other guests. New officers (from left): Toby Inge, treasurer; Paul (Pete) Doss, Captain Raymond A. Noble, president who was elected for a second term; A. A. Bohannan, vice-president; Jack Williams, training officer; Mrs. Nina Beasley, secretary; Richard Bartlett, 1st Lt. Sr. Grade; William Anderson Scruggs, 2nd Lt. Jr. Grade; Grover Bealsey 2nd Lt. Sr. Grade; James Womack, Motor Pool Sgt.; Kelly O'Brien, Building Sgt.

Scruggs Is Honored

Rescue Squad Installs Officers

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt termed the Appomattox County Rescue Squad a great example of "what America is all about and what Christianity is all about" as preliminary remarks to the installation of Rescue Squad officers on Sunday evening, January 2 at the Rescue Squad building.

This is the second annual dinner held to honor men and women of the community who assist the Squad in their year-round work of rescue and assistance. The dinner is paid for by the Squad, itself, from a Canteen Fund raised by Squad members quite apart from the annual fund raising for equipment and maintenance.

Congressman Abbitt, who serves as legal advisor for the Squad, called the Squad activities "a great demonstration of what's happening, a group of people who love America, their state and nation."

Abbitt said that although "groups like this don't get the headlines" they are like the "Good Samaritan" of Biblical times. The speaker added that it is a refreshing change to get back to Appomattox from the "hullabaloo" of Washington and to see some of all the good activities of the Squad. He said, "We can't imagine Appomattox without a Rescue Squad."

Outgoing Capt. Gordon Staples conducted part of the meeting as did incumbent president Raymond A. Noble and incoming Capt. Paul (Pete) Doss.

William Anderson Scruggs was presented the "Crewman of the Year" plaque, first time for the Squad to make such a presentation, according to pres. Ray Noble.

Persons and organizations were thanked by the president for contributing goods, services and time to the Squad program. Included were Lawson Ford and Moses Motor Company. Each company during alternate years lends the Squad a station wagon which is converted into a Rescue Squad vehicle.

Webb Tire Company was thanked; also, five Ruritan Clubs of the area for help with canvassing: Spout Spring, Oakville, Tri County, Evergreen and Pamplin. The TIMES-VIRGINIAN staff was thanked for publicity; also, David Austin and John Hall for individual effort in canvassing. The sheriff's department and Va. State Police were thanked for help as well as Drs. A. A. Fratrick, J. A. Mathews and C. G. O'Brien.

The evening speaker, Rep. Abbitt was thanked for being legal advisor; also, Miss Flora Belle Williams and Miss Bessie Marshall for contributing afghans for fund drives.

In addition, there were

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New Historian At National Park

Kenneth Edward Apschnikat has been named historian at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

He comes here from Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave, Kentucky where he served for a year and a half as a park technician.

A native of Malden Massachusetts, he moved to Kentucky when he was young and is a graduate of schools there. He received a B.A. in history in 1967 from Western Kentucky University.

Mr. Apschnikat has been a teacher in Primess Anne High School Virginia Beach, teaching there for a year followed by a two year stint as a teacher in a county high school in Kentucky.

K. E. Apschnikat

He is married (Mrs. Apshnikat's given name is "Trisha" and the Apshnikats have a daughter "Tessa," age three.

The new historian is much interested in events of this area. He sees the new assignment as a challenge and an almost complete change from his duties at Mammoth Cave.

The new year marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, he explains, in that Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872 and the 100th anniversary should provide even more opportunities increase interest in the National Park Service and the nationwide attractions to be found in the various parks and historical areas.

If new friends find his last name a bit of problem, the his-

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Concord Considers New Vehicle

Representatives of the Concord Rescue Squad (above) were given an opportunity to inspect the SWAB vehicle purchased by the Appomattox County Rescue Squad last year. The Concord organization, organized in 1971, is considering purchase of a vehicle. At present Concord has one vehicle and increasing numbers of calls make the new vehicle increasingly necessary. The SWAB vehicle can take care of as many as four stretcher patients and represents the latest in rescue and transportation equipment.

County Enters 127th Year

Appomattox County, founded in 1845, marked its 126th year in 1971 as a county paying tribute to its past and at the same time making several strides forward as a progressive part of the Commonwealth.

The building of a new county high school seemed a certainty by the end of year as Appomattox supervisors approved the funding of the new school through the issuing of $2 million in bonds to be sold to the Va. Public School authority.

Ancomatox business establishments made progress during the year. At least two faced a major rebuilding challenge. The new year of 1971 brought a night of destruction in a January fire which leveled the shop of Shearer Robertson, photographer and manufacturer of picture plates. Also destroyed was the shop and equipment of Dr. G. P. Geisler, optometrist. Both locations were adjacent to each other on Church Street.

For Robertson the fire meant loss of hundreds of negatives needed in his work and other records plus loss of valuable cameras and other equipment. He, his wife, daughter and son-in-law and other staff members met the challenge to rebuild a business with long hours of work and dedication. Dr. Geisler moved to a Main Street location and was soon dispensing new glasses and eye-care services once more.

The county had a new shopping center, Triangle Plaza, opened in December with the Super Dollar variety store and King's Market. Revco Drugs was getting ready for a first-of-New Year opening.

Cloverhill Manufacturing Co., producers of modular homes, moved from the eastern section of the county on Route 460 near Evergreen, to the west Rt. 460 location of 460 and 613 and a larger plant for assembling homes

The Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce provided information service for more than 766 potential visitors, students and others. Mrs. W. E. Chenault, secretary answered almost 800 inquiries. In addition, 25,000 brochures were shipped to the Va. State Travel Council for distribution and 9,150 brochures to other agencies.

Appomattox, long known for excellence in sports, continued that tradition during 1971. Appomattox County High School Varsity basketball players played an 18-3 season. Raiderettes were undefeated in regular season play and were district trophy winners. The Jayvees won the district basketball trophy, and although all three teams failed to bring off tournament trophies, it was a good year overall.

Webb's Tire Service, J. E. Jamerson and Sons, contractors and Lawson Ford were among the many who remodeled and/or enlarged their places of business.

The county's taxable property values reached $20,625,749 an increase of $313,638 over 1970.

For tobacco farmers it could be termed, generally, a "very good year". Leaf production was up slightly from the previous year. Increased rainfall during the growing season was good news for many. Flooded lowlands cut down hay production for some farmers but warmer weather up through December kept pastures growing for a longer period.

The past was remembered, too, as American Legion members and other residents and friends turned out in large numbers on Sunday, May 30 for the dedication of a War Memorial to fighting men lost in World War I, W.W. II, Korea and Vietnam. A flame glows nightly at the memorial to honor fallen comrades.

County growth was noted in the U.S. Census report of 9,784 residents, a seven percent increase over 1960's total pop-

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